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SUBJECT: INCREASING CEMA INVOLEMENT IN GLOBAL ECONOMIC PROBLEMS

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1. WHILE THE FINNS WOULD PROBABLY ON THE WHOLE WELCOME GREATER PARTICIPATION BY THE CEMA COUNTRIES IN INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, FROM THEIR PERSPECTIVE SUCH GENERAL BENEFITS AS MIGHT EVENTUALLY ENSUE WOULD SEEM REMOTE IN COMPARISON WITH CONCERNS ABOUT THE TONE OF BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION. MOREOVER, THE FINNS' APPROACH TO ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH CEMA COUNTRIES AND THE CHARACTER OF THEIR HISTORICAL EXPERIENCES WITH THE SOVIET UNION MIGHT SUGGEST TO THEM THAT DRAWING THE SOVIETS INTO ECONOMIC INVOLVEMENTS IS OFTEN DIFFICULT AND REQUIRES STEADFAST APPLICATION, EVEN WHERE SOVIET POLITICAL INTERESTS WOULD APPEAR TO PROVIDE
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SUPPORT. IN THEIR ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION, IT IS USUALLY THE FINNS WHO FRAME INITIATIVES AND PURSUE THEM DOGGEDLY, SOMETIMES OVER SEVERAL YEARS. THEY MIGHT QUESTION WHETHER US-SOVIET RELATIONS, SUBJECT TO FLUCTUATIONS IN STYLE AND SUBSTANCE, WOULD ALLOW OVER THE LONGER TERM FOR A CONSISTENT PURSUIT OF THE INITIATIVES OUTLINED
REFTEL.

2. ALTHOUGH THE VIEWS SET FORTH REFTL TAKE INTO ACCOUNT AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE SENSITIVITIES THAT THE FINNS MORE THAN ANY OTHER WESTERN COUNTRY DISPLAY ABOUT THE RISKS OF ENGENDERING EAST-WEST CONFRONTATION, THE FINNS STILL WOULD BE LIKELY TO REACT ADVERSELY SHOULD SUCH VIEWS BE COMMUNICATED TO THEM IN TOTO AS A GENERAL POLICY APPROACH RATHER THAN MANIFESTED THROUGH SPECIFIC INITIATIVES. MOREOVER, SHOULD SPECIFIC INITIATIVES CAUSE THE FINNS CONCERN, THEY MIGHT--GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY--SEEK TO DEFLECT OR MODIFY THEM TO SUIT THE FINNISH PERCEPTION OF SOVIET ATTITUDES AND INTERESTS. FINNISH ACTIONS WITH RESPECT TO THE BREZHNEV PROPOSAL FOR A HIGH-LEVEL ENVIRONMENTAL CONFERENCE AND THE WORK IN THE OECD ON EAST/WEST MATTERS REFLECT

THIS PROCLIVITY.

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